

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 3077

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 2, 1987

Application of ROSETTA D. MURRAY)	Case No. CP-87-11
trading as MURRAY'S NON-EMERGENCY)	
TRANSPORT SERVICE for Special)	
Authorization to Conduct Charter)	
Operations Pursuant to Contract)	
with the USDA Animal and Plant)	
Health Inspection Service)	

By application filed September 29, 1987, Rosetta D. Murray trading as Murray's Non-Emergency Transport Service ("Murray's" or "applicant") seeks authority pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 to transport employees of the United States Departments of Agriculture and Treasury, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in charter operations pursuant to contract with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"). The contract requires a regularly-scheduled shuttle service between the Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, Md.; the General Accounting Office, 441 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.; and the Department of Agriculture, South Building, 401 14th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 1/

By its terms the contract extends from November 1, 1987, through September 30, 1988. The agreement requires the performance of service from 7:05 a.m. to 5:35 p.m., Monday through Friday excluding federal holidays. The contract provides for two one-year options for additional service. The contract further requires service in vehicles model year 1986 or later that can accommodate at least 20 passengers including the driver. The vehicles must be equipped with a luggage compartment and a two-way communications system. The agreement requires simultaneous operations in two vehicles with back-up availability.

1/ The government reserves the right under the contract to cancel stops at the Government Accounting Office and the Liberty Center Building. It also reserves the right to cancel the first and last regularly-scheduled runs. Cancellation must be made by written notice to the contractor.

Applicant submitted the required financial data including a statement of projected revenues of \$114,720 and revenue deductions of \$110,924 from the proposed service. Applicant is experienced in providing government employee shuttle service and states that she is familiar with and will comply with Commission rules and regulations. Applicant stated that she has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation.

Crystallynn Rudisaile, contracting specialist with the USDA, submitted a notarized letter in support of the application. Ms. Rudisaile stated that the contract was awarded as a result of a competitive bidding process with Murray's being the low bidder. The letter further stated that reference checks with current users of applicant's shuttle services indicated that Murray's will perform operations under the contract in a responsible manner.

Inasmuch as the proposed contract is for the transportation of government employees pursuant to contract with their employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979. Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn, and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

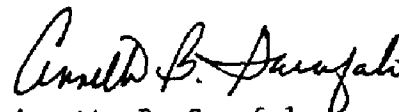
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Rosetta D. Murray trading as Murray's Non-Emergency Transport Service is hereby directed to publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Tuesday, October 6, 1987.

2. That applicant shall file with the Commission no later than Friday, October 16, 1987, the following: (a) an affidavit of publication; (b) an affidavit of identification in accordance with Regulation No. 70-10; (c) a lease agreement for vehicles to be used in the WMATC operations described in this Order; and (d) a certificate of inspection relating to the leased vehicles.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Suite 316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, October 16, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant Rosetta D. Murray, 2001 - 16th Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



Annette B. Garofalo
Acting Executive Director